

# Beam Position Monitors: Detector Principle, Hardware and Electronics

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- > Consideration for capacitive shoe box BPM
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#### Stripline BPM: General Idea

For short bunches, the *capacitive* button deforms the signal

- $\rightarrow$  Relativistic beam  $\beta \approx l \Rightarrow$  field of bunches nearly TEM wave
- $\rightarrow$  Bunch's electro-magnetic field induces a **traveling pulse** at the strips
- $\rightarrow$  Assumption: Bunch shorter than BPM,  $Z_{strip} = R_1 = R_2 = 50 \Omega$  and  $v_{beam} = c_{strip}$ .





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For relativistic beam with  $\beta \approx l$  and short bunches:

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 $\rightarrow$  Assumption:  $l_{bunch} << l$ ,  $Z_{strip} = R_1 = R_2 = 50 \Omega$  and  $v_{beam} = c_{strip}$ Signal treatment at upstream port 1:

*t=0*: Beam induced charges at port 1:  $\rightarrow$  half to  $R_1$ , half toward port 2

*t=l/c*: Beam induced charges at **port 2**:  $\rightarrow$  half to  $R_2$ , **but** due to different sign, it cancels with the signal from **port 1**  $\rightarrow$  half signal reflected

*t*=2·*l*/*c*: reflected signal reaches **port 1** 

$$\Rightarrow U_1(t) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \cdot Z_{strip} \left( I_{beam}(t) - I_{beam}(t - 2l/c) \right)$$



If beam repetition time equals  $2 \cdot l/c$ : reflected preceding port 2 signal cancels the new one:  $\rightarrow$  no net signal at **port 1** 

Signal at downstream port 2: Beam induced charges cancels with traveling charge from port 1  $\Rightarrow$  Signal depends direction  $\Leftrightarrow$  directional coupler: e.g. can distinguish between e<sup>-</sup> and e<sup>+</sup> in collider

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#### Stripline BPM: Transfer Impedance

The signal from port 1 and the reflection from port 2 can cancel  $\Rightarrow$  minima in  $Z_t$ For short bunches  $I_{beam}(t) \rightarrow Ne \cdot \delta(t)$ :  $Z_t(\omega) = Z_{strip} \cdot \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \cdot \sin(\omega l/c) \cdot e^{i(\pi/2 - \omega l/c)}$ 



➤ Z<sub>t</sub> show maximum at  $l=c/4f=\lambda/4$  i.e. 'quarter wave coupler' for bunch train ⇒ l has to be matched to v<sub>beam</sub>

> No signal for  $l=c/2f=\lambda/2$  i.e. destructive interference with subsequent bunch

Around maximum of  $|Z_t|$ : phase shift  $\varphi = 0$  i.e. direct image of bunch

 $f_{center} = 1/4 \cdot c/l \cdot (2n-1)$ . For first lope:  $f_{low} = 1/2 \cdot f_{center}$ ,  $f_{high} = 3/2 \cdot f_{center}$  i.e. bandwidth  $\approx 1/2 \cdot f_{center}$ 

> Precise matching at feed-through required t o preserve 50  $\Omega$  matching.

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#### Stripline BPM: Finite Bunch Length



→ If total bunch is too long  $(\pm 3\sigma_t > l)$  destructive interference leads to signal damping *Cure:* length of stripline has to be matched to bunch length

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2-dim Model for Stripline BPM

'Proximity effect': larger signal for closer plate
2-dim case: Cylindrical pipe → image current density:

$$j_{im}(\phi) = \frac{I_{beam}}{2\pi a} \cdot \left(\frac{a^2 - r^2}{a^2 + r^2 - 2ar \cdot \cos(\phi - \theta)}\right)$$

Image current of finite BPM size:  $I_{im} = a \cdot \int_{-\alpha/2}^{\alpha/2} j_{im}(\phi) d\phi$ 





Impedance  $Z_{strip}$ =50 $\Omega$ : Comparable formula as for PCB micro-strip  $\rightarrow$ dependence on *d* and  $\alpha$ 



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### Realization of Stripline BPM

20 cm stripline BPM at TTF2 (chamber Ø34mm) And 12 cm LHC type:



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### Comparison: Stripline and Button BPM (simplified)

|                    | Stripline  | Button   |  |
|--------------------|--|--|--|
| Idea               | traveling wave   | electro-static   |  |
| Requirement        | Careful $Z_{strip}$ =50 $\Omega$ matching                          |  |  |
| Signal quality     | Less deformation of bunch signal                                   | Deformation by<br>finite size and<br>capacitance         |  |
| Bandwidth          | Broadband,<br>but minima   | Highpass,<br>but <i>f<sub>cut</sub>&lt;1 GHz</i>         |  |
| Signal<br>strength | Large<br>Large longitudinal and<br>transverse coverage<br>possible | Small<br>Size <Ø3cm,<br>to prevent signal<br>deformation |  |
| Mechanics          | Complex  | Simple   |  |
| Installation       | Inside quadrupole<br>possible<br>⇒improving accuracy               | Compact insertion  |  |
| Directivity        | YES  | No   |  |

TTF2 BPM inside quadrupole

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Broadband observation of bunches can be performed with a resistive Wall Current Monitor

**Principle:**  $\blacktriangleright$  Ceramic gap bridged with *n*=10...100 resistors of *R*=10...100  $\Omega$ 

- Measurement of voltage drop for  $R_{tot} = 1/n \cdot R = 1...10 \Omega$
- Ferrit rings with high  $\rightarrow$  forces low frequency components through *R*



### Inductive Wall Current Monitor

The wall current is passed through strips and is determined be transformers.



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# Cavity BPM

High resolution on µs time scale can be achieved by excitation of a dipole mode:



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# Cavity BPM



# Comparison of BPM Types (simplified)



**Remark:** Other types are also some time used, e.g. inductive antenna based, BPMs with external resonator, slotted wave-guides for stochastic cooling etc.



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*Noise consideration, broadband and narrowband analog processing, digital processing* 

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### **Characteristics for Position Measurement**

**Position sensitivity:** Factor between beam position & signal quantity  $(\Delta U/\Sigma U \text{ or } \log U_1/U_2)$ defined as  $S_x(x, y, f) = \frac{d}{dx} (\Delta U_x / \Sigma U_x) = [\%/\text{mm}]$ 

Accuracy: Ability for position reading relative to a mechanical fix-point ('absolute position')

➢ influenced by mechanical tolerances and alignment accuracy and reproducibility

➢ by electronics: e.g. amplifier drifts, electronic interference, ADC granularity

**Resolution:** Ability to determine small displacement variation ('relative position')

→ typically: *single bunch*:  $10^{-3}$  of aperture ≈ 100 µm

*averaged:*  $10^{-5}$  of aperture  $\approx 1 \,\mu\text{m}$ , with dedicated methods  $\approx 0.1 \,\mu\text{m}$ 

➤ in most case much better than accuracy!

electronics has to match the requirements e.g. bandwidth, ADC granularity...

Bandwidth: Frequency range available for measurement

➢ has to be chosen with respect to required resolution via analog or digital filtering **Dynamic range:** Range of beam currents the system has to respond

position reading should not depend on input amplitude

Signal-to-noise: Ratio of wanted signal to unwanted background

➢ influenced by thermal and circuit noise, electronic interference

➤ can be matched by bandwidth limitation

**Signal sensitivity = detection threshold:** minimum beam current for measurement

### General: Noise Consideration

- 1. Signal voltage given by:  $U_{im}(f) = Z_t(f) \cdot I_{beam}(f)$
- 2. Position information from voltage difference:  $x = 1 / S \cdot \Delta U / \Sigma U$
- 3. Thermal noise voltage given by:  $U_{eff}(R, \Delta f) = \sqrt{4k_B \cdot T \cdot R \cdot \Delta f}$
- $\Rightarrow$  Signal-to-noise  $\Delta U_{im}/U_{eff}$  is influenced by:
- Input signal amplitude
  - $\rightarrow$  large or matched  $Z_t$
- > Thermal noise at  $R=50\Omega$  for T=300K(for shoe box  $R=1k\Omega \dots 1M\Omega$ )
- $\succ$  Bandwidth  $\Delta f$

 $\Rightarrow$  Restriction of frequency width because the power is concentrated on the harmonics of  $f_{rf}$ 



**Remark:** Additional contribution by non-perfect electronics typically a factor 2 Moreover, pick-up by electro-magnetic interference can contribute  $\Rightarrow$  good shielding required

#### Example for Noise Consideration

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- 2. Thermal noise voltage given by:  $U_{eff}(R, \Delta f) = \sqrt{4k_B \cdot T \cdot R \cdot \Delta f}$
- 3. Signal-to-noise ratio has to be calculated and expressed in spatial resolution  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$

**Example:** button BPM resolution at Synchrotron Light Source SLS at PSI: Power Level [dBm]



*Bandwidth:* Turn-by turn = 500 kHz Ramp 250 ms = 15 kHz Closed orbit = 2 kHz

#### **Result:**

- Slow readout  $\Leftrightarrow \text{low } \Delta f$  $\Rightarrow \text{low } \sigma \text{ due to } \sigma \propto \sqrt{\Delta f}$
- ➤ Low current ⇔ low signal
  - $\Rightarrow$  input noise dominates

From V. Schlott et al. (PSI) DIPAC 2001, p. 69

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## Comparison: Filtered Signal \leftrightarrow Single Turn

*Example* GSI Synchr.:  $U^{73+}$ ,  $E_{inj}=11.5$  MeV/u $\rightarrow 250$  MeV/u within 0.5 s,  $10^9$  ions



*However:* not only noise contributes but additionally **beam movement** by betatron oscillation ⇒ broadband processing i.e. turn-by-turn readout for tune determination

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### General Idea: Broadband Processing



> Hybrid or transformer close to beam pipe for analog  $\Delta U \& \Sigma U$  generation or  $U_{left} \& U_{right}$ 

- Attenuator/amplifier
- Filter to get the wanted harmonics and to suppress stray signals
- > ADC: digitalization  $\rightarrow$  followed by calculation of of  $\Delta U / \Sigma U$

Advantage: Bunch-by-bunch possible, versatile post-processing possible

**Disadvantage:** Resolution down to  $\approx 100 \ \mu m$  for shoe box type , i.e.  $\approx 0.1\%$  of aperture,

resolution is worse than narrowband processing

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# Linear Amplifier with large dynamic Range for p-Synchrotron



Shoe box BPM  $\rightarrow$  matching 2:12 transformer  $R_{prim}=1.8k\Omega \rightarrow \approx 3$  m cable  $\rightarrow$  amplifier

- ➤ Requirement: Dynamic range from  $1 \times 10^8$  to  $4 \times 10^{13}$  charges per bunch ⇒ 120dB dynamic range of signal amplitude
- Switchable 35dB amplifier stages, bandwidth 0.2 to 100 MHz.
- ➤ Variable PIN-diode attenuator -5dB...-35dB.
- > Test generator input for control of constant gain and temperature drift calibration
- Common mode gain matching better than 0.1dB each BPM-plate pair for large accuracy



## General Idea: Narrowband Processing



Narrowband processing equals heterodyne receiver (e.g. AM-radio or spectrum analyzer)

- Attenuator/amplifier
- > Mixing with accelerating frequency  $f_{rf} \Rightarrow$  signal with sum and difference frequency
- ➤ Bandpass filter of the mixed signal (e.g at 10.7 MHz)
- Rectifier: synchronous detector
- → ADC: digitalization → followed calculation of  $\Delta U/\Sigma U$

Advantage: spatial resolution about 100 time better than broadband processing.

**Disadvantage:** No turn-by-turn diagnosis, due to mixing = 'long averaging time'

For non-relativistic p-synchrotron:  $\rightarrow$  variable  $f_{rf}$  leads via mixing to constant intermediate freq.

Narrowband Processing with Multiplexing



Idea: narrowband processing, all buttons at same path  $\Rightarrow$  multiplexing of single electronics chain Multiplexing within  $\approx 0.1$ ms:  $\Rightarrow$  only one button is processed  $\Rightarrow$  minimal drifts contribution

**Processing chain:** Buttons  $\rightarrow$  multiplexer  $\rightarrow$  linear amplifier with fine gain steps by AGC

 $\rightarrow$  mixing with  $f_{rf} \rightarrow$  narrow intermediate frequency filter BW 0.1 ....1 MHz

 $\rightarrow$  synchronous detector for rectification  $\rightarrow$  de-multiplexer  $\rightarrow$  slow and precise ADC

Advantage: High accuracy, high resolution, high dynamic range by automated gain control AGC **Disadvantage:** Multiplexing  $\Rightarrow$  only for stable beams >> 10 ms, narrowband  $\Rightarrow$  no turn-by-turn **Remark:** 'Stable' beam e.g. at synch. light source, but not at accelerating synchrotrons!

## Analog versus Digital Signal Processing

Modern instrumentation uses **digital** techniques with extended functionality.



Digital receiver as modern successor of heterodyne receiver

- Basic functionality is preserved but implementation is very different
- Digital transition just after the amplifier&filter or mixing unit
- Signal conditioning (filter, decimation, averaging) on FPGA

Advantage of DSP: Stable operation, flexible adoption without hardware modification **Disadvantage of DSP:** non, good engineering skill requires for development, expensive

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### Digital Signal Processing Realization





Analog multiplexing and filtering
 Digital corrections and data reduction on FPGA
 Commercially available electronics
 used at many synchrotron light sources

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### LIBERA Digital BPM Readout: Analog Part and Digitalization



 $f_{rf}$ =352 or 500 MHz, revolution  $f_{rev} \approx 1$  MHz

# LIBERA Digital BPM Readout: Digital Signal Processing



**Remark:** For p-synchrotrons direct 'baseband' digitalization with 125 MS/s due to  $f_{rf}$ <10 MHz

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Typical acc. frequency  $f_{rf}$ =500 MHz  $\leftrightarrow$  ADC sampling typ. 125 MSa/s with 14 bit  $\Rightarrow$  not every bunch is sampled i.e. **undersampling** However, reconstruction of periodic signal by sampling  $f_{sample} = \frac{4}{4n+1} \cdot f_{rf}$  with n = 1,2,...



**Plotted example:**  $f_{rf}$ =100 MHz  $\Rightarrow$   $f_{sample}$ = 4/5 $\cdot$  $f_{rf}$ = 80 MHz

 $\rightarrow$  periodicity: four samples over five bunches

Remark: Digital broadcasting is based on undersampling and digital signal processing.

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## Comparison of BPM Readout Electronics (simplified)



| Туре                         | Usage          | Precaution                      | Advantage   | Disadvantage  |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Broadband                    | p-sychr.       | Long bunches                    | Bunch structure signal<br>Post-processing possible<br>Required for fast feedback                | Resolution limited by noise   |
| Log-amp                      | all            | Bunch train<br>>10µs            | Robust electronics<br>High dynamics<br>Good for industrial appl.                                | No bunch-by-bunch<br>Possible drifts (dc, Temp.)<br>Medium accuracy                     |
| Narrowband                   | all<br>synchr. | Stable beams<br>>100 rf-periods | High resolution   | No turn-by-turn<br>Complex electronics  |
| Narrowband<br>+Multiplexing  | all<br>synchr. | Stable beams >10ms              | Highest resolution  | No turn-by-turn, complex<br>Only for stable storage                                     |
| Digital Signal<br>Processing | all            | Several bunches<br>ADC 125 MS/s | Very flexible<br>High resolution<br><b>Trendsetting technology</b><br><b>for future demands</b> | Limited time resolution<br>by ADC $\rightarrow$ undersampling<br>(complex or expensive) |

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#### Remark: Calibration of BPM Center by k-Modulation

The **accuracy** can be improved by 'k-modulation' →alignment of the BPM with respect to the axis of the quadrupoles





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### **Close Orbit Measurement**

Detected position on a analog narrowband basis  $\rightarrow$  closed orbit with ms time steps *Example from GSI-Synchrotron:* 



Tune Measurement by gentle wideband Excitation

Detecting the bunch position on a **turn-by-turn** basis the tune can be determined: Fourier transformation of position data

 $\rightarrow$  tune within 2048 turns corresponding  $\approx$ 5 ms time resolution



#### Low Current Measurement on a relative Basis

The sensitivity of a BPM  $\Sigma$ -signal by narrowband processing is higher as for a dc-transformer (with  $\approx 1 \mu A$  on 1 kHz bandwidth). Sum-Signal after mixing with  $f_{rf}$ : I<sub>beam</sub>>10 nA on 1 kHz bandwidth

#### **But:**

- Only for bunched beams
- Only relative measurement:
- $\rightarrow$  Signal strength depend on bunch shape i.e. frequency component!

Beam parameter: U<sup>73+</sup>,

11 MeV/u  $\rightarrow$ 1 GeV/u



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### Example for longitudinal Bunch Shape Observation

*Example:* After multi-turn injection, the **bunch formation** is critical to avoid coherent synchrotron oscillations  $\rightarrow$  emittance enlargement



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### **BPM for Energy Determination**

#### Important tool for rf-phase and amplitude alignment:



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With BPMs the center in the transverse plane is determined for bunched beams. Beam  $\rightarrow$  detector coupling is given by transfer imp.  $Z_t(\omega) \Rightarrow$  signal estimation  $I_{beam} \rightarrow U_{im}$ **Different type of BPM:** 

**Shoe box = linear cut:** for p-synchrotrons with  $f_{rf} < 10 \text{ MHz}$ 

Advantage: very linear. **Disadvantage:** complex mechanics **Button:** Most frequently used at all accelerators, best for  $f_{rf}$ >10 MHz

Advantage: compact mechanics. **Disadvantage:** non-linear, low signal **Stripline:** Taking traveling wave behavior into account, best for short bunches

**Advantage:** precise signal. **Disadvantage:** Complex mechanics for 50 $\Omega$ , non-linear **Cavity BPM**: dipole mode excitation  $\rightarrow$  high resolution  $1\mu m@1\mu s \leftrightarrow$  spatial application

### **Electronics used for BPMs:**

# Thank you for your attention !

Basics: Resolution in space ↔ resolution in time i.e. the bandwidth has to match the application
Broadband processing: Full information available, but lower resolution, for fast feedback
Log-amp: robust electronics, high dynamics, but less precise
Analog narrowband processing: high resolution, but not for fast beam variation
Digital processing: very flexible, but limited ADC speed, more complex → state-of-the-art

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